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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 02-142
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Subject: Plaistow - Public Water System: Howard Manor Condominium (EPA #1932160)

Dear Ms. Blinn:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that Howard Manor Condominium water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more services, or 25 or more people, for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit bacteria samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit bacteria samples and as a result Monitoring/Reporting (M/R) violations were issued for the following months:

December 2001 and August 2002

To date, bacteria sample results for September 2002 have not been received.

In view of the Monitoring/Reporting violations, DES believes the deficiencies can be corrected by taking the following action:

By October 23, 2002, submit a water sample for bacteria analysis to the state laboratory, or a state-certified laboratory, in accordance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325.

In the future, submit routine water samples for bacteria analysis **each month**.

Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, owners of public water systems are required to issue public notification when a system has failed to monitor for bacteriological or chemical water quality. DES records show that the water system has failed to perform public notification for the monitoring violations listed below.

Third Quarter (Q3) 2001 Nitrate and Fluoride
Fourth Quarter (Q4) 2001 Nickel
Second Quarter (Q2) 2002 Nickel

Failure to sample for bacteria in December 2001 and August 2002
Bacteria Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Violations in October 2001 and November 2001

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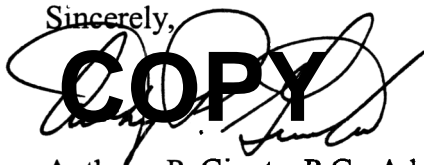
In view of the public notice violations, DES believes the deficiencies can be corrected, and future violations prevented, by taking the following actions:

1. **By October 23, 2002**, carry out the public notice requirements for the sampling violations listed above; and
2. **By November 6, 2002**, provide proof of public notice to DES.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please contact Linda Magoon by phone at (603) 271-0672 or by e-mail at *lmagoon@des.state.nh.us*, if you have any questions regarding this letter, or if you need assistance in carrying out the public notice requirements.

Sincerely,



Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator
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